Draft proposal for programme of work for the 2016 session

The Conference on Disarmament,

Mindful that the Conference on Disarmament is the single multilateral negotiating forum on disarmament as recognized by special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (SSOD I),

Deeply concerned about the worldwide escalation of acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Taking into consideration the growing threat of the use of chemical weapons and materials by illegal non-State militarized groups, which has been showcased recently by multiple episodes of the use of chemical materials by terrorists in Iraq and Syria, as well as the possibility of hijacking of the facilities and infrastructure for the production of chemical weapons and materials by such groups,

Conscious of the work undertaken by the Conference on Disarmament on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction and recognizing the need for a follow-up to this work due to remaining loopholes in the international legal framework,

Taking note of the conclusion and successful implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism of 2005 as an important milestone in addressing the issue of terrorism,

Recalling the agenda for the 2016 session of the Conference adopted as CD/2052, as well as its rules of procedure which, inter alia, provide for the possibility of reviewing the agenda of the Conference on Disarmament,

decides:

1. To establish a working group under the agenda item 6 "comprehensive programme of disarmament" and associated schedule of work for the duration of the 2016 session to conduct negotiations with a view to elaborating basic elements of an international convention for the suppression of acts of chemical terrorism.

2. The working group shall be chaired by [...]

[Presidents: Norway, Pakistan]

4 March – 1 April	Identification of the key elements of a future Convention

[Presidents: Pakistan, Peru, Poland]

16 May – 1 July	Consideration of the proposals by the member States on the elaboration of the key elements of a future Convention

[President: Poland]

2 – 19 August	Preparation of a report of the working group with recommendations on further work under the agenda item

Furthermore, *conscious of the need* to establish a balanced and comprehensive programme of work for the Conference,

Taking in account all the discussions held on the programme of work of the Conference on Disarmament and suggestions made to this end,

Without prescribing or precluding any outcome(s) for discussions under a new paragraph, as well as paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 below, with a view to enabling future compromise(s) and including the possibility of future negotiations under any agenda item, thus upholding the nature of the forum,

Also decides:

1. *To establish* a working group under agenda item 1 entitled "cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" and agenda item 2 entitled "prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", to carry out discussions with a view to identifying, elaborating and recommending effective measures on nuclear disarmament.

2. *To establish* an working group under agenda item 1 entitled "cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" and agenda item 2 entitled "prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters" to carry out discussions with a view to identifying, elaborating and recommending effective measures to ban the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices on the basis of the document CD/1299 of 24 March 1995 and the mandate contained therein.

3. *To establish* a working group under agenda item 3 entitled "prevention of an arms race in outer space" to carry out discussions with a view to identifying, elaborating and recommending effective measures on prevention of an arms race in outer space.

4. *To establish* a working group under agenda item 4 entitled "effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" to carry out discussions with a view to identifying, elaborating and recommending effective measures to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

The Conference shall appoint coordinators for the working groups. Each working group shall present to the Conference the report on the outcome of its work before the end of the fifth Presidency of the current session. The working groups shall take into consideration all relevant views, proposals and decisions past, present and future.

The schedules of working groups' activities are subject to consultations with the member States of the Conference on Disarmament, which will take into account the experience of the arrangements of such discussions in the previous sessions.